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SUBJECT: VIENNA VISIT OF MR. GURASH OF THE INA CORPORATION

1. MR. JOHN GURASH, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD FOR THE INA CORPORATION, HOLDING COMPANY FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY AND SEVERAL OTHER LARGE INVESTMENT FIRMS, IS VISITING VIENNA IN NEAR FUTURE AND WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON AMBASSADOR BUCHANAN (OR THE CHARGE). HE WILL ARRIVE IN VIENNA ON JUNE 5, AND IF POSSIBLE, WOULD APPRECIATE BEING RECEIVED BY THE AMBASSADOR (OR CHARGE) ON JUNE 6.

2. MR. GURASH WISHES TO DISCUSS THE GENERAL ECONOMIC CLIMATE IN CENTRAL EUROPE, AS WELL AS THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF VIENNA AS A SITE FOR OPERATIONS INTO EAST EUROPE. WE HAVE ADVISED MR. GURASH TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ECONOMIC COUNSELOR BARDACH AFTER ARRIVAL IN VIENNA. INGERSOLL

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